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(54) COMPOSITION SUITABLE FOR EXTERNAL USE

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain the above composition suitable for external use such as a cosmetic or a medicine for external use, capable of sufficiently exhibiting characteristics performances of a specific pharmacodynamically effective agent, by blending an astaxanthin with the pharmacodynamically effective agent.

SOLUTION: This composition comprises (A) an astaxanthin and (B) one or two selected from (i) an active oxygen scavenger, (ii) an antioxidant, (iii) a cell activator, (iv) an antiinflammatory agent, (v) an tyrosinase activity inhibitor and (vi) a heat reserving agent. Preferably the component (i) is SOD, mannitol, hydroquinone, etc., the component (ii) is a vitamin A, a vitamin

B, etc., their derivatives and their salts, the component (iii) is a deoxyribonucleic acid, its salt, etc., the component (iv) is glycyrrhizic acid, glycyrrhetic acid, etc., the component (v) is cysteine, its derivative and its salt and the component (vi) is a mucopolysaccharide and/or a protein.

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